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Lt. Gen. Bailey to be inducted into Order of the Sword

by Tech. Sgt. Ginger Schreitmueller AFSOC Public Affairs

A large steel sword graces the entryway of the Air Force Special Operations Command headquarters building. For the fourth time since being forged, the sword will become the centerpiece as the AFSOC enlisted team honors Lt. Gen. Maxwell Bailey as a leader among leaders.

General Bailey will be inducted into the AFSOC Order of the Sword March 15. The general, who retires in



Lt. Gen. Maxwell Bailey AFSOC commander

January after more than 30 years of service to the nation, is being recognized for his contributions to the enlisted men and women of the command.

"General Bailey is a true champion of the enlisted team, and a staunch supporter of all the men and women in AFSOC," said Chief Master Sgt. Bob Martens, AFSOC command chief master sergeant. "His induction into the Order of the Sword is a reflection of the high esteem in which the enlisted team holds General Bailey. During his tenure as AFSOC commander he's done a great deal for the morale, readiness and quality of life for the enlisted team. He truly merits induction into the Order of the Sword."

The general accepted his engraved invitation to the induction ceremony, Nov. 20. General Bailey joins the ranks of the command's other Order of the Sword recipients: retired Brig. Gen. Harry Aderholt and retired Maj. Gen. James Hobson, both former AFSOC commanders; and Lt. Gen. Charles Holland, also a past AFSOC commander and currently the commander in chief of U.S. Special Operations Command

Information about the induction ceremony, which is an enlisted-only event, will be released after the holidays.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Tech. Sgt. Greg Hericks, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, instructs waterlogged airmen under the base pool's new dome as part of their Advanced Skills Training pre-scuba course.

Giant dome envelops base pool

by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor Public Affairs

It mysteriously sprang up practically overnight. A huge amorphous blob has risen above the Hurlburt Field pool, completely enclosing it.

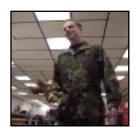
Somewhat resembling the Stay-Puff Marshmallow Man, the inflatable dome was put in place to allow special tactics troops to conduct the Advanced Skills

Training pre-scuba dive course year round. But base people may also benefit from the venture by having the pool opened during certain times throughout winter.

"In order to train students 365 days a year, we needed a controlled environment around the pool, weather-wise," said Capt. Chris Larkin, Advanced

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Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community. I really appreciate your feedback.

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I'll answer the others by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you, and perhaps improve their process. However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@ hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. Lyle Koenig Commander, 16th SOW

Base housing parking

Comment: I was led to believe the second driveway was put in front of each housing unit to cut down on the amount of vehicles parked in the streets. The streets in base housing are hardly wide enough for two cars to meet headon, let alone having vehicles parked there rather than the driveway. I can understand having vehicles parked in the street if it's your third vehicle, but

some people are parking in the street simply because they don't want the vehicles parked in their driveways. Can't something be put in the base paper to let these people know they need to use their driveways?

Also, when can we expect the areas that have been torn up due to the contractors working between and behind the houses put back to normal? Many yards have large holes in them and large pieces of tubes coming out of the ground, which is a danger to our children. I'd appreciate any answers you might have to these issues.

Response: You're correct – our family housing residents aren't allowed to park in the streets at their houses unless they happen to own and operate more than two vehicles. Visitors may temporally park in the street as long as their vehicles are parked in the same direction as traffic flow and they're not utilizing on-street parking as a substitute for driveways.

The contract specifications for the construction project you asked about require all yard areas that were disturbed because of the construction, to be re-graded and re-sodded. Your yard fits into this contract requirement. As a result the contractor who executed the project will be contacted and informed they're to repair the disturbed areas under the project warranty. The contract for the construction you talked about requires all the yards to be re-graded and re-sodded after the work is completed. Your yard should've been fixed. We'll call the contractor and ask them to come back and complete their work. Thanks for the

Share holidays

by 2nd Lt. Rosemary Heiss Public Affairs

In the tradition of our buy and sell online generation, the meaning of the holidays is often forgotten until it's packaged in a slick, 30-second public service announcement about how important it is to share during this

with someone else

It's easy to get caught in the hustle. After all, we have to invite all our relatives to the house, and that means we have to make sure everything is spotless. I remember my mom's routine

"Honey, while I'm at the grocery store, I need you to make sure the house gets vacuumed, and make sure your brother dusts all the shelves. When I get home, I'm going to need your help baking some pies," she'd say.

Let the holidays begin!

I know it's easy to get preoccupied doing things for yourself and your family, but this holiday, allow "family" to transcend the boundaries of home and kinship.

Make a difference in the life of someone you might not know by giving time, money or food, and bring someone in who can't spend the holiday with his or her family.

The holidays are generally the most costly time of year for everyone. Thus, some people who'd like to give don't think they have enough money to provide a memorable season for the family let alone for someone else.

However, it doesn't have to cost money to share the holidays with someone.

Open your heart and your home. Prepare a little extra

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To all members of the 16th SFS: a message of thanks

by Lorna Ives Contributing writer

I'd like to thank you for the work you all do. Some people don't realize the importance of your job. It isn't just to wave vehicles in and definitely not to give directions, although you do that with patience. Your mission is to protect lives, aircraft and facilities and to enforce laws.

In the wake of the recent attack on this great country, I'm sure we've seen only part of what you do in moments of crisis.

Every mission and career field in the Air Force is important and should be appreciated and valued. However, some feel they are only doing their job. That's true, but it's times like these when people genuinely realize what our armed forces mean to us and the sacrifices they make day to day.

I've passed through the gates this week, seeing security forces men and women I'm sure were working long hours and were probably miserable and tired, with their helmets and heavy weapons, standing in the hot sun. Maybe they think we don't notice; maybe they don't care if we do or not. But I'd like to say that I noticed.

I don't know anyone who works in the 16th SFS, so I have no personal connection. I just wanted to say that I appreciate and respect everyone in this and all career fields. I can't do something for each person or even each squadron on Hurlburt Field, but I feel this is a good place to show my thanks, as we all see 16th SFS personnel almost every day.

After all, you are here twenty-four seven, 365 days a year, through any and all conditions.

My heart and prayers go out to those who may have to deploy and to those who stay and "hold down the fort." Thank you again for serving Hurlburt Field, and most of all for serving the United States of America.

News

Entire hydro shop named top eagles

by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor *Public Affairs*

After the results of the Combined Federal Campaign came in, every airman in the 16th Component Repair Squadron's hydraulics shop was named a "top eagle" for the second year in a row.

Top eagle is a title awarded to someone who donates what CFC planners determine is the "best they can do," according to their pay grade. Each top eagle received a small eagle statue to signify their exceptional contributions. "Every year I try to get as many top eagles as I can," said Tech. Sgt. James Vaughan, the hydro shop's NCO In Charge and squadron CFC coordinator. "I guarantee the CFC has impacted everyone whether they know it or not. I think [the shop's airmen] gave because I tell them how good they have it in comparison to others. It's just a matter of opening people's eyes and letting them see the truth and the programs out there that can help."

Senior Airman Nathan Barber, a hydraulics technician with the shop, do-

nated mostly to local causes that provide clothes to needy children, rather than larger, nationwide organizations.

"I didn't do it for the eagle," he said.
"There's a lot of small organizations in
the area that can use the money, and it's
always good to donate to people who
need it."

The whole shop is pleased with their contributions.

"It makes me very proud to know that all my guys here gave top dollar," said Sergeant Vaughan. "Everybody in the shop's proud."

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Skills Training Flight commander. "The pool will be needed primarily for five to six weeks every three months, so there's the possibility of the pool being open year-round – but those opportunities can't conflict with the AST training."

The AST unit funded the \$60,000 dome and two \$6,000 water heaters, while the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron helped with the construction, said 1st Lt. James Eschrich, 16th CES chief of maintenance.

He said the heated water should warm the air in the dome to 60 to 70 degrees during winter, keeping the atmosphere comfortable – an added plus should the pool be made available to the public.

One problem is finding qualified lifeguards to man the pool during winter months, when due to the position being held primarily by college students, good help is hard to find, said Jerry Romano, 16th Services Squadron Community Support Flight chief.

"We're trying to hire lifeguards, but until we find them, the pool will remain closed to the public," he said. "If we can solve the lifeguard and funding issues, we'll be able to open the pool to the public for activities like lunch and lap swim, weekend pool parties and swimming lessons."

But public usage must revolve around the fact that the dome was erected for mission-re-

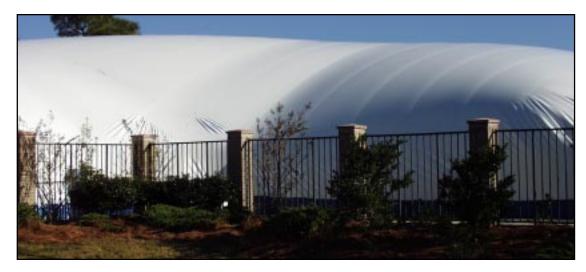


Photos by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

lated activities, said Mr. Romano. That said, the monstrosity can still provide an avenue for the public to use a service usually reserved for one season, possibly as soon as spring

"Everybody should be able to benefit from this," said Captain Larkin. "It's a great thing for both Special Tactics and the Hurlburt Field community."

The 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, 16th Services Squadron and 16th CES worked together to erect the \$60,000 dome and install the two \$6,000 water heaters. It's removable, and will be taken down during summer months.



(above) Airmen 1st Class Jared Hunt and Joseph Culbertson, 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, anchor down the dome prior to it's inflation. (left) When inflated, the dome completely envelops the pool, providing a controlled environment.

Spotlight on ...



Brian Gilliland

Name: Brian Gilliland Rank/Duty Title: Staff Sergeant/combat arms instructor

Organization: 16th Mission Support Squadron

Hometown: Beaverton, Ala. Hobbies: Working out, water sports and snowboarding

Contribution to the mission: Sergeant Gilliland is a hard working, energetic NCO who loves his job conducting weapons training for all Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base people. He's been a valuable asset to the base combat arms section for more than a year.

In that time, he's had the opportunity to attend some of the most challenging training schools offered to security forces airmen.

He recently attended the U.S. Air Force Countersniper School at Camp Robinson, Ark., possibly the most difficult of all schools offered to security forces airmen. Not only did he graduate, he was the first-ever Air Force member to win both top awards: Honor Graduate and Top Gun.

(Editor's Note: The COM-MANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

Air Force News

People with pay problems urged to call contact center

Air Force personnel officials are asking all airmen with pay or bonus payment problems to call the AFPC contact center by Dec. 7. As the Air Force's internal tax reporting deadline approaches, personnel officials want to ensure individuals have received all their pay and entitlements so they're not faced with problems when tax season rolls around.

Officials want to make sure they have enough time to work with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to resolve all cases in time for this tax year. Common problems may include initial enlistment or reenlistment bonuses, special or incentive pay, or problems with regular pay.

"We've been working airmen's issues hard with DFAS, and we want to make sure we've heard from everyone with a problem," said Lt. Col. David Zeh, chief of the AFPC Contact Center.

"It's important that we identify any remaining members and try to resolve their cases by early December so DFAS has time to update their pay records," said Lt. Col. Thomas Major, chief, finance division at the Air Force Accounting and Finance Office. "This will ensure everyone's end-of-year leave and earnings statement and W-2 form are accurate since bonus pay is taxable in the calendar year it's paid, not in the year the entitlement is earned."

An individual who doesn't receive their bonus payment this calendar year may receive double payments next year, which may result in a higher tax bracket, according to officials.

Individuals can reach the contact center at DSN 665-2949 or 1-800-558-1404 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. central time. (AFPN)

SOG aids in typhoon recovery

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan – After Typhoon Lingling left a trail of death and destruction across the Philippines earlier this month, U.S. Pacific Command and the American Embassy in Manila called on the 353rd Special Operations Group here to transport disaster relief aid to the stricken area.

The Philippine Red Cross made an official request for assistance when more than 130 bodies were recovered and hundreds others were feared dead. The 353rd SOG had three MC-130Ps in the country at the time and the decision was easy.

"We were less than two hours away," said Maj. Pat Butler, a pilot with the 17th Special Operations Squadron. "When the order came for us to fly south, we were ready to go."

A crew from the 17th SOS hand-loaded a plane with 10,000 pounds of rations, mosquito nets, sleeping mats and other relief items, and flew from Manila to Surigao Nov. 12, and off-loaded the items with engines running.

The next day, two crews flew similar missions to Cagayan de Oro, on Mindanao, and Iloilo, island of Visayas. The final mission, Nov. 14, sent another 10,000 pounds of relief to Iloilo.

Because the cargo wasn't on pallets, Tech Sgt. Roger Brown and other 17th SOS loadmasters had to optimize the load while ensuring safety. Sergeant Brown said it felt good to help out people in their time of need.

"They'd been whipped pretty badly



Courtesy photo

Philippine Red Cross workers receive disaster relief items from the open bay of a 17th Special Operations Squadron MC-130P Combat Shadow, Nov. 13. The crew was already scheduled for a mission to the area and was able to put Department of State supplies on board to assist the Red Cross.

by that typhoon, but their spirits were still high," he said.

Capt. Scott Hartman flew into Cagayan de Oro and said the efforts were greatly appreciated by the volunteers that showed up to help offload the plane.

"They were very excited we were able to fly those relief supplies out to them," he said. "There was a sense of urgency to get the supplies out to those villages that had been hardest hit."

Civil defense officials said hundreds of families fled their homes to escape raging waist-deep floods. The storm, with winds gusting up to 55 mph, knocked down power and telephone lines. The experience for Maj. Butler hit a little closer to home.

"My wife, Shirley, is from the Philippines," he said. "One of her strongest childhood memories was right after a typhoon wiped out her village. U.S. helicopters flew to her town and hovered overhead. The crews would throw out loaves of bread, packets of coffee and other supplies that would help get them through a couple days. It felt great to step in and fill that role – one which means so much to those folks and Philippine-American relations."

An average of 20 typhoons lash the Philippines every year. Lingling was the 14th typhoon to hit the country since January. (AFPN)

Look who's talking: Should a law be passed in the U.S. prohibiting cell phone use while driving?



"If you're gifted to do two things at once, it shouldn't be a problem. If you get distracted easily, than, for everyone's safety, do one thing at a time."

Airman 1st Class Lori Gonzalez 16th Special Operations Squadron



"Not a law for just using it while driving, but from causing an accident or violating traffic laws while on the phone. It would probably cause people to be more careful."

Tech. Sgt. Edward Ibarra16th Medical
Operations Squadron



"I think hands-free phones are fine, but when people are holding a phone and driving at the same time, it's too much of a distraction."

Airman 1st Class Cory Waggoner U.S. Air Force Special Operations School

DOD reveals alternative holiday mail program

WASHINGTON – Department of Defense officials announced an alternative to the "Any Servicemember" and "Operation Dear Abby" programs, which were suspended indefinitely due to anthrax mail attacks.

The Navy has developed a Web-based alternative to benefit members of all services. The program can be reached at the Navy LIFELines Services Network at http://www.LIFELines2000.org or http://AnyServiceMember.Navy.mil.

People who wish to send a message of support or holiday greeting to military service-members will find a simple process for delivering messages at these Web sites. The "Any Servicemember" program allows participants to select from one or

all branches of the military.

To receive a message of support, servicemembers log onto one of the Web sites and choose messages for their branch of service and home state. Those sending a message who wish to receive a response may include a return e-mail address. Since all messages are viewed on the Web, the military's regular e-mail service is not affected.

"Operation Dear Abby" was founded by the newspaper advice columnist and has delivered mail to servicemembers overseas during the holiday season for more than 17 years. The "Any Servicemember" mail program began during Operation Desert Storm in 1990, and continued to grow during operations in Bosnia, starting in 1995. (AFPN)

Committee holds hearing for AF undersecretary nominee

WASHINGTON – The Senate Armed Services Committee held a recent nomination hearing to consider the president's selection of Peter Teets to become the next undersecretary of the Air Force.

In this capacity, and under the secretary of the Air Force's direction, Mr. Teets would be authorized to act for and with the secretary on all matters for which the secretary is responsible. Mr. Teets would also become the director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

Mr. Teets has an extensive background in defense programs and space systems, beginning with the Titan III Space Launch Vehicle in 1963. He later served as the president of the Denver operations for Martin Marietta Astronautics from 1985 until 1993. In 1999, he retired as the president and chief operating officer for Lockheed Martin Corp.

Mr. Teets said his varied background has prepared him for the duties of his new position.

"In all of my previous roles I have had the opportunity to develop excellent working relationships with talented career military,

civilian Air Force and Department of Defense personnel and a broad range of industrial counterparts," Mr. Teets told the committee. "As a result, I feel well qualified to take on the unique challenges associated with this position."

The committee asked Mr. Teets questions ranging from enlisted and officer promotions to the Space Commission recommendations. He's committed to working with his staff and members of the Senate Armed Services Committee to fix any problems with the current promotion system, he said. He also intends to fully support recommendations of the Space Commission.

"Our vision for the Air Force's future role in space is one that recognizes the unique contributions and advantages space provides to our national security," Mr. Teets said. "The organizational changes recommended by the Space Commission will lead to streamlined acquisition and better capabilities for the warfighter."

The nomination of Mr. Teets will now go to the Senate, which will vote on his nomination. (AFPN)



Cold versus the flu - know the facts

by Master Sgt. Stephanie Scott 16th Medical Group

Summer's over, and with the cooler weather comes the cold and flu season.

The 16th Medical Group offers this information to help base people and their families through this season with the least amount of problems possible. The following are some frequently asked questions about these common illnesses, and their answers:

How can I tell if I have a cold or the flu?

If someone has had the flu, they most likely know the differ-

ence between flu and the common cold. Although a cold often has some flu-like symptoms – like a cough or sore throat – flu symptoms such

as muscle aches, chills and fever are usually unmistakable.

A cold often starts with feeling tired, sneezing, coughing and having a runny nose. People may not have a fever or run a low fever — just one or two degrees higher than usual. They may also have muscle aches, a scratchy or sore throat, watery eyes and a headache.

The flu starts suddenly and hits hard. Those afflicted usually feel weak and tired, have a fever, dry cough, a runny nose, chills, muscle aches, severe headache, eye pain and a sore throat. It usually takes longer to get over the flu than a cold.

What causes colds and the flu?

The flu is caused by three different types of viruses. These viruses appear every fall as the weather gets cooler, and usually remain until springtime. Flu virus is spread by virus particles that are coughed or sneezed into the air. If the virus takes hold, symptoms usually develop within two days. While the associated fever usually resolves after three or four days, the tiredness and cough can last for a week or more.

The common cold is caused by more than 200 known cold viruses. That's why it's so easy to catch a cold and why symptoms can vary so much. Like the flu virus, cold viruses can be spread through the air. People can also catch a cold by rubbing their nose or eyes after coming in contact with someone who has a cold or by touching something the person's just held.

The best way to prevent the flu or lessen its effects is to get a flu shot. The best time to get the shot is before the end of November – before flu season starts. Because flu strains change, a shot is necessary every year.

The viruses that cause colds and the flu are spread by handto-hand contact and by droplets released in the air from sneezes and coughs. While It's difficult to avoid people with colds, there

are things you can do to avoid getting sick.

Wash your hands often with soap and warm water, and avoid touching your eyes or nose are the best ways to

prevent spreading the illness. Avoid sharing telephones, pencils, eating utensils or cups with cold sufferers.

What can I do to feel better? There's no cure for a cold or the flu. Antibiotics don't work against viruses. All you can do to feel better is treat your symptoms while your body fights off the virus. (See sidebar)

Some things to keep on hand are aspirin, cough medicine, laxitives, a humidifier and a *Tricare Take Care of Yourself* book

While no medicine can cure a cold or the flu, it can help relieve some cold or flu symptoms. Check with a doctor before giving any medicine to children.

When should I call my health care provider?

In most cases, people don't need to see their health care provider when they have a cold or the flu. However, if someone has any of the symptoms below, they should call a team nurse. The nurse will be able to give more guidance on care or they'll be able to get the afflicted seen by your primary care manager.

People should call their provider if they have a cold that lasts for more than 10 days, severe pain in their face or forehead, a temperature above 102 degrees farenheit, shortness of breath, hoarseness, sore throat or cough

that won't go away or difficulty breathing.

What's in over-the-counter cold and flu medicines?

The ingredients listed below are found in many cold and flu medicines. Read labels carefully. If people have questions, they should talk to their doctor or pharmacist.

Analgesics relieve aches and pains and reduce fever. Examples: acetaminophen, aspirin, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and naproxen. Warning: Children and teenagers shouldn't be given aspirin.

Antitussives tell the brain to stop coughing. People shouldn't take an antitussive if they're coughing up mucus. Example: dextromethorphan.

Expectorants help thin mucus so it can be coughed up more easily. Example: guaifenesin.

Oral decongestants shrink the nasal passages and reduce congestion. Examples: ephedrine, phenylephrine, phenylpropanolamine and pseudoephedrine.

Ways to treat cold, flu symptoms

OStay home and rest, especially while you have a fever

O Stop smoking and avoid secondhand smoke, which can make cold symptoms worse

ODrink plenty of fluids like water, fruit juices and clear soups. Fluids help loosen mucus. Fluids are also important if someone has a fever because fever can dry up the body's fluids, which can lead to dehydration

ODon't drink alcohol

OGargle with warm salt water a few times a day to relieve a sore throat. Throat sprays or lozenges may also help relieve the pain

OUse salt water (saline) nose drops to help loosen mucus and moisten the tender skin in the nose

Retiree allotment test phase successful

by Cathy Landroche Air Force Enlisted Foundation

For more than 26 years, the Air Force Enlisted Foundation has offered housing and financial assistance to widows of retired enlisted Air Force members at Teresa Village in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and for 16 years at Bob Hope Village in Shalimar. Fla.

The non-profit agency was formerly known as the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation and the AF Enlisted Widows Home Foundation. It's the only facility of its kind for surviving spouses of retired enlisted military members. Currently there are 440 residents with 625 on the waiting list.

The Foundation's goal for several years has been to build an assisted living medical facility for the residents. Because both Villages are independent living facilities and the capability for medical care doesn't exist, residents are forced to leave their homes and friends at a time when they need help the most.

In the past eight years, only \$2 million of the needed \$20 million has been raised toward this goal. State, federal, Medicare and Medicaid funding can't be used toward constructing this facility. Air Force Assistance Fund donations can only be used for indigent widow rent subsidy. To help in raising the necessary funds, a Retiree Allotment Program has been developed.

The idea was the brainchild of Air Force Enlisted Foundation President and CEO Jim Binnicker. He envisioned a program where military retiree support for the AFEF could come through payroll deduction.

"We all grew up in the Air Force participating in charities using the allotment program," he said. "It was painless – didn't see it – didn't miss it," he said of the dollars taken out monthly.

"Then we retire and very few get asked to continue to participate in Air Force-sponsored charity programs. But we think this is the right road to take for our organization."

The task for implementing the program went to Marketing Director Ken Hair. Mr. Hair worked nearly one year getting approval from the Defense Accounting and

Finance Service, Denver, and coordinating with DFAS Cleveland, to ensure the agency was ready to receive and process the allotments.

"Our test program began in April 2001, with just a few friends of the Foundation," said Mr. Hair. "It worked unbelievably well. In fact, it worked so well, we were excited about expanding it as soon as possible."

Letters to more contacts went out and the allotment form was published in the August 2001 newsletter, along with a letter from Chief Binnicker explaining the program.

"So far, we have 160 participants and there hasn't been a single glitch or disruption in anyone's pay," said Mr. Hair. "People have called me and are impressed with how smoothly it's working. So we hope to expand it to a large percentage of our retired military members."

The allotment program will allow the Foundation to move forward in achieving its goal of life care much faster, said the chief.

Mr. Hair said the allotment program's potential is unlimited. "If we can get a large percentage of allotments, we'll be able to not only build the assisted living facility we so desperately need, but sustain its operations as well."

Future plans also call for a fourstory mid-rise with 80, two-bedroom, two-bath apartments.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. John Wright of San Antonio, Texas, was one of the charter participants. "I saw Jim Binnicker at an Air Force Association convention last year and told him I thought it would be a great idea if the Foundation could do an allotment program for retirees just like we had when we were on active duty.

"I've been involved for more than six months now. I'd recommend it for anyone. It's the most inexpensive and least tedious way to give."

Marie Lincoln, a resident of Teresa Village in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., is the widow of a retired enlisted member and an E-7 retiree herself. She's a recent participant in the allotment program.

"I just got the notice about a week ago that the money will be coming out of my pay," she said. "I think it's a wonderful idea. You

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don't miss a few dollars a month. Anything I can do to help the widows—I'm all for it."

Mr. Hair added the allotment program is only one way people can donate to the AFEF.

"There are many ways for people to give: personal bequests, bank drafts (for civilians), bequests and annuities," he said. "But so far, the allotment program is easiest because it comes right out of a person's pay."

"Giving through allotments is still painless," said Chief Binnicker. "Many say 'give 'til it hurts' – I say give 'til it feels good!'"

To make it more convenient for people, the Foundation inserted a copy of Department of Defense Form 2558, Authorization to Start, Stop or Change an Allotment, in its last two newsletters. The forms are preset with the appropriate account number and all people have to do is fill in their name, address, dollar amount, etc., and fax the form back to the Foundation at (850) 651-4461. People can also visit their local accounting and finance office or contact the Foundation tollfree at 1-800-258-1413 for a copy of the form.

(Editor's Note: Jim Binnicker was the ninth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, serving in that position from July 1, 1986 to July 31, 1990. He's been President and CEO of the Air Force Enlisted Foundation since January 2000. Ken Hair was Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air Education and Training Command upon his retirement in February 2000. He's been with the AFEF since that time.)

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food this holiday and invite someone to share it with you.

Without spending a dime, you can directly impact the life of another human being and indirectly impact the morale of that airman's entire unit.

For the young Special Operator who would otherwise spend the holiday in his dorm, the gesture would be priceless.

You could spend a month preparing for the holidays, two days actually enjoying them and two weeks recuperating only to have this year's celebration blur with the memory of all the rest.

Make this holiday different. You can impact the life of someone else. Make a difference – share your holiday.

AF delivers holiday meals to deployed airmen

LANGLEYAIR FORCE BASE, Va. -Twenty pounds of turkey is more than

enough for an average family on Thanksgiving. But the Air Force is a big family, and it required much more of the bird for its deployed troops – 54 tons, to be ex-

This Thanksgiving, the Air Force Services Agency provided the food for a traditional holiday meal to airmen supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as every other deployed airman worldwide.

"We [wanted] to make sure everyone got the opportunity to get that Thanksgiving feast," said Senior Master Sgt. Jim Kreuger, chief of food services operations for the agency.

Also sent to the deployed troops were 14 tons of roast beef, four tons of ham, two tons of stuffing, four tons of mashed potatoes, 1.3 tons of cranberry sauce, 3.5 tons of yams, 1.6 tons of corn on the cob and 2.3 tons of peas with mushrooms. If they had any room left over, deployed Air Force people got to follow their meals with apple, cherry and pumpkin pies.

"If you were deployed and only got a boxed lunch, then you realized it's Thanksgiving, how would you feel?" Sergeant Kreuger said. "This was a huge morale booster, and we wanted to ensure every effort was made to get the feast to all the troops."

Private contractors were used to transport the food over land, sea and air. The Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia coordinated the effort and members of U.S. Central Command air forces were the "logistical masterminds" behind getting the food to airmen in their

theater, Sergeant Krueger said.

"Services troops worldwide pulled together to ensure this year's meals were a big success," he said.

The plan for the Thanksgiving meal had been in the works for more than a month and a half. A similar meal is being planned for Christmas.

Senior Airman Robert Keatts, a heating, ventilation and cooling technician, repairs an environmental control unit in a tent city at a forward operating location. Airman Keatts, who's from the 366th Civil Engineering Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, is one of many airmen deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom who'll be away from home during the holiday



JASSM test proves deadly accurate

WASHINGTON – An F-16 Fighting Falcon successfully launched a joint-air-to-surface standoff missile Nov. 20.

"This successful launch clears the way for a low-rate initial production decision," said Terry Little, JASSM program manager.

During a flight test at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., an F-16 from the 46th Test Wing launched the JASSM while cruising at about 500 mph at an altitude of 15,000 feet.

The weapon separated cleanly from the aircraft, deployed its wings and tail section, and ignited its engine at the proper altitude to begin a 50-mile dash toward the target array on the desert floor.

The JASSM missile impacted within a lethal distance of the mobile radar target and the warhead exploded. All systems, including the engine, guidance, and fuze-

arming, performed flawlessly, officials said.

The JASSM is a 2,250-pound cruise missile, which carries a 1,000-pound class, dual-purpose warhead. The warhead is capable of destroying soft and distributed surface targets or deeply buried, hardened structures. It can fly in adverse weather, day or night, from standoff ranges well beyond enemy air defenses. The range is classified, but officials said it's beyond 200 nautical miles. Its stealth characteristics and on-board anti-jam countermeasure components make it extremely difficult to defend against.

The Air Force originally planned to buy 2,400 JASSMs, but there are ongoing efforts to greatly increase that number. Current plans call for the missile to be carried on the F-16, B-1B Lancer, B-2 Spirit and B-52 Stratofortress. (AFPN)



Courtesy photo

An F-16 Falcon flies with a test joint-air-to-surface standoff missile under its wing (second missile from top).

ID protection needed more now than before

by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson Public Affairs

An easy way for unauthorized people to gain access to a military installation is with the proper identification.

At Hurlburt Field, members report nearly 200 lost or stolen identification cards every month, said Vince Filpi, 16th Mission Support Squadron, chief of customer support.

"ID cards are like line badges, and in the wrong hands people can do just about anything, like gain access to base facilities," Mr. Filpi said. People really need to make every effort to protect their cards, he added.

A lost card provides ample opportunity to fall into the wrong hands, which could ultimately have grave consequences for the base.

The consequences for lost cards may not only affect the base but members as well. "If someone gets a hold of your card, they have access to your Social Security Number, name and birth date. Just enough information to open credit card accounts, or do other detrimental things under your identity," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Williams, 16th MSS, superintendent casualty services.

Although ID card usage has increased since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the number of cards lost or stolen remain the same, Mr. Filpi said.

Many people have experienced a longer waiting period for the issue of new ID cards, not because of an increase in lost cards, but because Hurlburt Field has been issuing the new Common Access Card or CAC card since February.

It takes 20 to 25 minutes to produce a single CAC card, Mr. Filpi said, that's why people are experiencing such long waiting periods at the military personnel flight, customer service section.

The new cards take about six times longer to produce, he said.

Part of the reason for the extended production time is because, "the new card has to be encrypted, and it has five ways

of identification, the flash and look, the micro chip, a magnetic strip and two bar codes," Sergeant Williams said.

"If there weren't so many ID cards to issue, the wait time would go down," he added.

Everyone must have an ID card, Sergeant Williams explained, so unfortunately if a person loses their card today and again tomorrow, they're still issued another one.

According to Air Force Instruction 36-3026, members must have an ID on them at all time, Mr. Filpi said. Therefore a new card must be issued in the case of a lost or stolen one, even if it's been lost again and again.

Eighty percent of lost cards come from junior airmen, Mr. Filpi said, so senior leadership may need to explain to them the importance of protecting their ID's.

Shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Capt. Scott Roth, Air Force Special Operations Command, chief of command intelligence and analysis branch, noticed people weren't protecting their ID's.

During several visits to the main fitness center, Captain Roth noticed a group of ID's just lying on a podium unattended, and how easy it would be for someone to steal a card if they wanted.

Some members, who use the fitness center had a tendency to leave their ID's, along with keys and other things unattended during their work out sessions, said the captain.

With the base being placed in a heightened level of security, "This is more of a force protection issue than anything else," Captain Roth said.

"If a terrorist got hold of an ID, we'd all pay the consequences," he added.

The fitness center has since placed signs in the facility informing people not to leave their ID's unattended.

It's the responsibility of each cardholder to protect their ID and safeguard it from falling into the wrong hands.

ID protection is imperative for the safety of the base and its members.



The following senior airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School class 02-A Nov. 14:

John Levitow Award Cary Collins

Distinguished Graduates

Mathew Levesque Jennifer Lyon Alexandra Phillips Darrel Underwood

Leadership Award Jennifer Lyon

Academic Achievement Award

Alexandra Phillips

16th Special Operations Wing

Melanie Kain Jacqueline Vernon

16th Aircraft Generation

Squadron

Cary Collins Christopher Flynn Verlon Rackard

16th Component Repair Squadron

Brian Jaggie

Yanitza Campbell Jefferey Krogue Maurice Thompson Jeffrey Ross

16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Amaury Barini
David Whitfield
Jermie Washington
Ryan Wiktor
John Yassu

16th Helicopter Generation Squadron Marc Stevens

Kelly Brown
Dennis Deaton
John Giblin
Christopher Thompson
Darrell Underwood
Ian Holmes

16th Suppy Squadron

William Chapman Jonathan Dukes Carolyn Beason

16th Transportation Squadron

Raul Perez Brian Weaver Donovan Chapman

16th Medical Operations

Squadron

Michelle Uy 16th Medical Support

Squadron

Tanteria Vega

16th Operations Support Squadron

Laura Danford Marcy Robertson Kristi Lott

20th Special Operations Squadron

Suzanna Torres

16th Civil Engineer Squadron

Charlie Parker Shawn Preisen Branden Running

16th Communications

Squadron

Erin Kelly
Tonya Robinson
Jacinta Schoonmaker
Katisha Clark
Michael Henning
Emmanuel Woods

16th Mission Support

Squadron

Marisa Davis Alexandra Phillips Candacy Wint

16th Security Forces Squadron

Ron King Kimberly Forbes

16th Services Squadron

Breeann Gonzales Natalie Parker

334th Training Squadron

Casey Fiscus

18th Flight Test Squadron

John Scott

505th Exercise Control

Squadron

Jennifer Lyon

605th Training Squadron

Lakeisha Woods

823rd RED HORSE Squadron

Steven Adamic Mathew Levesque

Christie Therrell Melissa Holmes

Airman Adrienne Taylor, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was named the fourth quarter foreign object damage poster winner for a FOD poster she designed.

Is F.O.D. looking for a relationship



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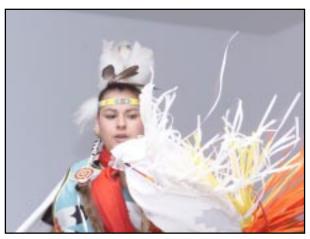


Photo by Staff Sgt. Carrie Hinson

(clockwise from left) Madelynn Chase, daughter of Capt. Hastings Chase, 19th Special Operations Squadron, enjoys getting her face painted by Michelle Reed, 16th Services Squadron and one of the event performers; Summer Cohen does a Fancy Shawl dance during the celebration honoring Native American culture; Michelle Reed, who's also the chairperson for the Native American Heritage Committee performs a Fancy Shawl dance; Alex Alvarez plays a traditional Native American song for the event.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Carrie Hinson

Native Americans share culture with base

by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson Public Afffairs



Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry Deford

The Native American Heritage Committee celebrated and shared their culture with the base community during November

One event in particular, the pre-Thanksgiving dinner held at J.R. Rockers Nov. 17, gave the committee an opportunity to demonstrate some traditional dances, drumming, face painting and bracelet making.

Michelle Reed, 16th Services Squadron and Native American Heritage Committee chairperson said, "There were three drummers and seven dancers called the Dreaming Hawk and Native American Dancers, who performed at the event."

There were three tribes represented during the event, the Creek, Ojibwe and Sioux, Ms. Reed said.

Children were taught how to perform some of the dances and were told what the different colors represent in the Native American culture, she added.

Ms. Reed said, "There was a great turn out and the committee appreciates the support from the base community."

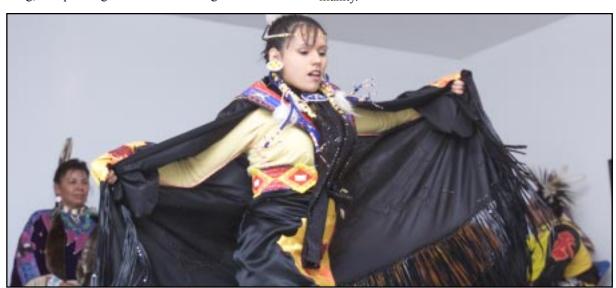


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Military

Physical therapy clinic

The 16th Medical Group opens a physical therapy clinic at Hurlburt Field for active duty patients by January 2002. The clinic will be located in Building 90315, adjacent to J.R. Rockers parking lot. The service will be staffed by one physical therapist and two physical therapy technicians.

Military liaison teams

Senior NCOs interested in a high priority, high visibility effort of national importance should volunteer for the military liaison team for master sergeants through chief master sergeants. The MLT requires dealing effectively with senior officers in countries which have had little contact with the US military. Volunteers must possess a high level of interpersonal skills, as well as exceptional maturity, flexibility and self discipline. Tour length is 179 days. The positions are open to active duty, reserve and Guard members. For more information or to volunteer, call Mr. Vince Filpi at 884-5280.

CPAC

The Commando Pride Airman Center is looking for highly motivated people to be team leaders. The job involves assisting with the daily operations of the CPAC and the detail is 90 to 120 days in length starting February 2002. To qualify members must be: senior airmen (who've graduated from Airman Leadership School) to technical sergeant.; must have impeccable dress and appearance; have high moral character; possess a driver's license; have good communication skills; have computer skills; and a desire to assist first term airmen. For more information or questions, call Master Sgt. Andrew Hollis at 884-5787 or 5795.

Community

Flight medicine

The 16th Medical Group is opening up appointments for all female active duty and family members, who're enrolled in TRICARE Prime and empanelled to the flight medicine clinic. Annual female examination appointments are available Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. A women's health care nurse practitioner will be available Dec. 12, 13 and 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to provide annual health exams. Female enrollees should call central appointments at 884-7882, to schedule the clinical preventative service.

Christmas luminaries

The residents of Northgate Estates will display Christmas lights Dec. 8 and 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. The entrance to the sub-division is located at the intersection of Jonquil and the Mary Esther cut-off. For more information, call Connie Jindrich at 862-9634.

HOSC

The Hurlburt Field Officers' Spouses' Club holds a

luncheon Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m. at The Soundside club. There'll be a piano recital performed by Dixie Henrie. To make reservations, call Pat Rogers at 678-9375 or Danielle Wolf at 916-0963.

Craft bazaar

The Hurlburt Field Officers' Spouses' Club hosts its 14th Annual Craft Bazaar and Auction Saturday at the Liza Jackson Prep School on Mary Esther Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$1 donation will be accepted at the door and volunteers are needed. For more information or to volunteer, call Petey Brennan at 796-2499 or Dana Birlingmair at 581-6633.

Christmas Wish 2001

The 16th Special Operations Squadron is the lead unit this year for Operation "Christmas Wish 2001," a humanitarian mission to orphanages in Honduras. The operation is a combined effort of the Air Commando Association and the McCoskrie Threshold Foundation, based out of Fort Walton Beach, the 15th and 16th SOS and the Hurlburt Field community. The squadrons will transport everything from canned food to toys and "Santa" to several orphanages before Christmas. The drop-off point for donated clothing, toys, school supplies, canned food, sneakers, candy and other items, is the trailer at the base pool parking lot. Today is the last day to drop-off items. For more information, call the 16th SOS executive officer at 884-4255.

Spouses club

The Eglin Officers' Spouses' Club's holiday tea party is Dec. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Eglin Air Force Base Officer's Club. Participants should respond by Wednesday to Nancy Kemmet at 897-8930 for initials A through M and Wanda Simpson at 689-0559 for initials N through Z.

Black history month

The month of February is Black History Month. The committee is looking for military members, spouses and civilians, who'd like to help. Martin Luther King's birthday celebration is Jan. 21 and the committee needs volunteers to assist with the celebration committee. For more information or to volunteer, call Senior Master Sgt. Willie Hicks at 884-6060 or 2nd Lt. Steven Oliver at 884-4224.

Suspicious packages

The following are things to do when dealing with suspicious packages that may contain anthrax:

ODon't shake or empty the contents of any suspicious envelope or package

OPlace the envelope or package in a plastic bag or some other type of container to prevent leakage of contents

OIf you don't have a container, then cover the envelope or package with anything such as clothing, paper or a trash can, and don't remove the cover

OLeave the room and close the door or section off the area to prevent others from entering

OIsolate people who had direct contact with the package

OEvacuate the building as needed (don't leave the area until dismissed by the on-scene commander)

OTurn off the air conditioning or heating system

Hurlburt Field Chapel (884-7795)

Catholic Masses

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 and 10 a.m. Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to or by request.

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Protestant Services
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. (praise &

11:15 a.m. (traditional), 12:30 p.m. (Gospel)

Youth and Single Groups available **Jewish Services (882-2111)**

5 p.m.,

worship).

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel 1 Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

Muslim Services (882-2111)
Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

At the movies



Hurlburt Field (884-7648)

Friday – (R) "Training Day," starring Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke – Alonzo, a corrupt veteran cop escorts Jake, a rookie on his first day with the LAPD's tough inner-city narcotics unit. Jake is confronted with corruption within the unit perpetuated by his partner. Will this rookie turn on his partner or be drawn into the dark underworld? The only thing more dangerous than the line being crossed is the one who crosses it.

Saturday – (PG-13) "Zoolander," starring Ben Stiller and Milla Jovich – Derek Zoolander, a supermodel is targeted by a dangerous crime organization that wants him to carry out some dangerous plans. Suddendly, Zoolander has to think fast. But with his head in the clouds, Zoolander has trouble thinking at all.

Sunday – (R) "Joyride," starring Steve Zahn and Paul Walker – On a road trip from Colorado to New Jersey, college student Lewis gets saddled with his older brother. Fuller's on-the-road pranks get the brothers sucked into a nightmare when a psychotic truck driver takes offense. It started as a joke. Now the joke is on them.

Friday- (PG-13) "Corky Romano," starring Chris Kattan and Peter Berg – Corky Romano, the emotional son of a mob boss is called upon by his long-lost father to infiltrate the FBI. Under the guise of Agent Pissant he fakes his way through one tough assignment after another. Corky decides to set up a sting of his own, one that will blow everybody's minds.

Saturday – (PG-13) "Bandits," starring Bruce Willis and Billy Bob Thornton – Joe and Terry are bank robbers, fugitives hoping a final string of scores will finance their south-of-the-border retirement dreams. Things get more complicated when they meet Kate who joins the bandits on their cross-country spree, and eventually she steals something too, their hearts.

Sunday – (PG-13) "The Others," starring Nicole Kidman and Fionnula Flanagan – On the secluded Isle of Jersey in the final days of World War II, three new servants arrive at Grace's home to replace the ones that inexplicably disappeared. Startling, supernatural events begin to unfold. Grace begins to sense that intruders are at large. Who are these trespassers? And what do they want?

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled play dates.)

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Community

Massage therapy

Give someone the gift of healing this holiday season with a relaxing massage or facial treatment. For more information, call the Commando Fitness Center at 884-7928.

New ID's

The 96th Mission Support Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base will install the equipment for production of the new identification card called the Common Access Card Dec. 10 through 12. During the equipment installation, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System will be unavailable.

Volunteer resource program

The volunteer resource program can place you in a meaningful volunteer position. If you want to get out of the house, learn or enhance new skills or just want to meet new people, call Shannon Skoul-Clark at 884-1533.

Education grant program

The Air Force Aid Society may be able to assist with the soaring cost of higher education. The Society's Gen. Henry Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1500 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, Guard and reservists on extended active duty. For more information, visit the AFAS Web site at: www.afas.org.

Classes

FSC

For more information on Family Support Center classes, call 884-5441.

Sponsorship Training – Monday, at 1 p.m.

Transition Assistance Program – Tuesday, at 7:20 a m

Moms, Pops and Tots – Tuesday and Wednesday, at 10 a.m.

Bundles for Babies – Wednesday, at 1 p.m.

Readiness – Thursday, at 9 a.m.

Veterans Administration Women's Brief – Thursday, at 9 a.m.

Deployment and Families – Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.

Special Ops courses

For more information on Joint Special Operations University courses visit the Web site at: hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/usafsos. To register for a course, contact your unit training manager.

Russia, Central Europe and Central Asia Orientation Course – Monday through Dec. 7

Joint Psychological Operations Course – Dec. 10 through 14

Dynamics of International Terrorism – Dec. 10 through 14

Responsible Officer's Course Force Protection II – Dec. 10 through 21

Small Wars and Insurgencies Course – Dec. 17 through 21

HAWC classes

The following classes are offered at the Health and Wellness Center:

Eat Heart Healthy – Tuesday, at 9 a.m.

Monitored Fitness Improvement Program – Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

Self-directed Fitness Improvement Program – Wednesday, at 2 p.m.

Weight Management Program Nutrition – Thursday, at 8 a.m.

Weight Management Program Fitness – Thursday, at 10 a.m.

Self-directed Fitness Improvement Program – Thursday, at 2 p.m.

Sports

10-mile run

The annual Hurlburt Field 10-mile challenge run is Dec. 15. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each category: first place overall male and female and 40 and over. Participants should sign up no later than Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. For more information, call 884-6884 or 4412.

Sports

Trans right on track to take tournament

by Staff Sgt. Andre Nicholson *Public Affairs*

Monday night football at Hurlburt Field turned out to be dominated by the 16th Transportation Squadron.

The flag football playoffs, which started Monday and were played all week, pitted eight different teams on Monday against one another in hopes to capture the base championship title tonight.

16th TRANS defeated the Air Force Command Control Training and Innovation Group 42-6 in the first game of the tournament.

"Trans jumped to a big lead in the first half by moving their offense on us and capitalizing on our turnovers and missed flags," said Jaon Gay, AFC2TIG.

Gay, who's the coach for AFC2TIG said his team played well during the season but they were capable of doing better, they ended the season with a 5-4 record.

Transportation, who was undefeated during the regular season demonstrated to AFC2TIG just why they were.





Photos by Senior Airman James Davis

(above) Shawn Granger, Air Force Command Control Training and Innovation Group, dashes to gain some yardage with 16th Transportation Squadron players in pursuit. (left) Wesley Dogan, 16th TRANS darts past Morgan Riggins, AFC2TIG, as he stretches to grab Dogan's flag. (bottom left) Eric Lewis, 16th TRANS cuts back to the right and dodges some AFC2TIG opponents. (bottom right) Jaon Gay, AFC2TIG makes a dash during the second half of the game to gain quite a few yards.



